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SUBJ: BHUTTO ISSUES KASHMIR STRIKE CALL

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1. IMPLEMENTING EARLIER DECISION, PM BHUTTO ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 24 THAT HARTAL(STOPPING OF ALL PUBLIC ACTIVITY) TO PROTEST AGREEMENT BETWEEN KASHMIR LEADER SHEIKH ABDULLAH AND INDIAN PRIME MINISTER GANDHI, UNDER WHICH ABDULLAH IS TO BECOME STATE CHIEF MINISTER TODAY, WILL BE OBSERVED FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28. BHUTTO'S CALL IS AIMED AT PAKISTAN, AZAD KASHMIR, INDIAN KASHMIR, AND KASHMIRIS RESIDENT ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD.

2. TEXT OF BHUTTO STATEMENT SETTING FEBRUARY 28 DATE IS LARGELY REITERATION OF FAMILIAR GOP POSITION ON IMPLICATIONS OF AGREEMENT, AND IS COUCHED IN RELATIVELY MODERATE LANGUAGE. IT RESTATES PAK VIEW THAT "THE DEAL SOUGHT TO BE TRANSACTED BY INDIA WOULD NOT AFFECT
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RIGHT AND WRONGS OF THE DISPUTE". STATEMENT DECLARES THAT "SIMLA AGREEMENT MAKES IT QUITE CLEAR THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR HAS TO BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN IN THE CONTEXT OF NORMALIZATION OF THEIR RELATIONS AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DURABLE PEACE IN THE SOUTH ASIAN REGION", AND NOTES THAT "PAKISTAN HAS REPEATEDLY URGED INDIA TO REFRAIN FROM ANY UNILATERAL ACTION WHICH MIGHT PREJUDICE THE CHANCES OF THE SUCCESS OF THE TALKS WHICH THE TWO COUNTRIES WERE PLEDGED TO HOLD". IT SPEAKS OF THE "INDISSOLUBLE BONDS" BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN AND KASHMIR AND PLEDGES CONTINUED PAK COMMITMENT TO THEIR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. PURPOSE OF HARTAL, IT SAYS, IS TO SIGNIFY REJECTION OF LATEST INDIAN PLAN TO AVOID SELF-DETERMINATION AND TO DEMONSTRATE DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THE STRUGGLE. BYROADE

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